

GARRISON RESIGNS FROM
WAR DEPARTMENT OWING
TO DIFFERENCES WITH THE
PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS

SECRETARY'S INSISTENCE UPON
CONTINENTAL SYSTEM MEETS
WITH GENERAL OPPOSITION

Republican and Democratic Representatives Are United in Favor of National Guard as First Line of Defense; Wilson Yields, Agreeing to Accept What Can Be Had Rather Than Nothing, but High-tempered Cabinet Officer Quits Rather Than Be Party to Compromise Which He Regards as Fraught With Great Danger to Future of Nation; Charges Representatives Are Guided by Political Interests in Securing Appropriations, for Militia, to Be Spect in Their Respective Districts; Objects to Philippine Measure Now Pending; Assistant Also Resigns.

(By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 14.—Secretary Lindley M. Garrison resigned today because President Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the continental army plan and because he opposed

program," and declared he felt the "unwise situation is dealt with promptly and effectively, we can indulge in no reasonable expectation of any acceptable result."

the administration's program of action in the Philippines in the event of independence. President MacArthur insisted the resignation and has not selected a successor. The president has also refused to transfer the day-to-day charge of the administration's national defense plans to congress.

Assistant Secretary Brockbridge said the secretary of defense, the chief, whose views he shared,

The president accepted his resignation, but Garrison refused immediately. Major General Henry Scott, one of the staff of the army, automatically becomes secretary of war ad interim.

What Garrison Feared.

It is known that one of Secretary Garrison's principal fears for his convictions that only a federal continental army, instead of a reorgan-

Upon the contention on the one hand that the continental army, and

The secretary severely criticized the national guard plans of Chairman Hayburn of the house military committee. "It is my judgment," he said, "that the enactment of Mr. Hay's program would be to set back the whole cause of legitimate, honest national defense by a considerable and entirely unnecessary way. It would be, in my judgment, a step toward a proper settlement."

fore the official announcement, he had boarded a train with his wife and two children, and had passed at the war department that he had gone for an indefinite stay. The acute difference of opinion was not very little intense, but personal interest in any of the members of the house concerning military affairs.

More Matter of Politics.

Mr. Garrison declared further that

The secretary of war leaving the cabinet, but they nevertheless continued in official quarters. The secretary of war, however, was not one of the strong men of the administration upon whom the president relied in the different departments of domestic and international which have marked his administration.

President's View of It.

"Mr. Hay's proposal to include

The resignation also failed to satisfy the president's correspondence with the president which was made public tonight. The letters disclose, however, that the training, organization and control of a military reserve is a direction but is not "irrevocably or dogmatically committed to any one plan." He wrote Mr. Taft:

theory, and control in the raising, officering and training and governing of its military forces."

Following an interview between the president and Mr. Garrison on the same plane, the latter informed the president specifically of his position. The president informed him that Mr. Hay had told him a federal

Mr. Garrison then testified that the constitutional army plan absolutely discarded a military system based upon state troops and that the two systems

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The premier wrote in reply that he and the secretary agreed that the first thing necessary for the "democratic" army was a trained citizen reserve and that the training, organization and control of that reserve would be under the guidance of the "democratic" government in the "democratic" direction." He declined, however, to take an irrevocable stand on the ground that it would not be proper
